

REMARKS

An amendment is submitted that is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 12, 13 and 15-24 were previously pending in the application. Claims 12 and 16 are cancelled, leaving claims 13, 15 and 17-24 for consideration. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21, 23 and 24 are allowed and that claims 16-18 and 22 are allowable. In reliance thereon, claim 13 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 16.

Cancelling claim 12 and amending claim 13 to include the subject matter of claim 16 are believed to render moot the 35 USC §102 rejection of claims 12, 13 and 15-19 over BUDZICH et al. 4,353,559. Likewise, the 35 USC §102 rejection of claims 12, 13, 15 and 20 over SOLOMON et al. 5,676,472 is also believed moot.

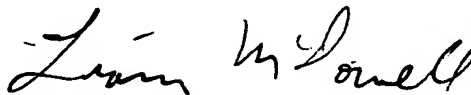
Since the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowable or depend from an allowable claim, and since there are no outstanding formal matters, the application is believed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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